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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Developments During Your Absence

1. Ervin Bill

a. Henderson, Lukens, Derwinski and Nix promise to support a complete exemption for us. Gross and Brasco apparently are sympathetic. White is on the fence but he is a protege of Mahon's from El Paso and a member of the Armed Services Committee so I hope to get Mahon and Rivers to put the arm on him. Haven't gotten through to Hamilton yet.

b. Have drafted letters to Henderson from Rivers and Mahon, which I hope they will sign shortly, requesting complete exemption for us.

c. White House staff has come to and asked the Committee staff to support us.

2. The recent Byrd amendment has not materially altered the Cooper-Church provisions which most trouble us (preventing payment of mercenaries to aid Cambodian forces, etc.).

3. Representative John Moss' office has requested facts on our [REDACTED] Believe we should respond and suggest we do so along lines of your 13 March briefing of Senate Foreign Relations. We are preparing suggested text for your okay.

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6. Russell's not expected back in foreseeable future. Woodruff suggests sitting down with you to sort things out at your convenience.

7. Irrespressible George Murphy says Mrs. May would like to come out to lunch on 10, 9, or 8 July, in that order of preference.



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